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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/423,356, filed January 21, 2000 for [Title as filed]: TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND TRANSMISSION METHOD

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Hideki KIRINO and Tetsuo HIRAGA

1.  A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2.  Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3.  The filing fee is calculated below:

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

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\$770.00

Total claims	24	-20 =	4 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	72.00
Independent claims	4	- 3 =	1 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	86.00
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4.  A check in the amount of \$928.00 is enclosed (CK# 17844).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
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5.  Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a  Continuation  Division of application Serial No.        filed       , which in turn is a national stage entry of International Application No.        filed        designating the U.S., which claims the benefit of Application No.        filed       .--

7.  Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 with any attachments filed on May 14, 2004 in this application which was not entered therein.

8.  Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-85706, filed March 31, 1998; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The certified copy was filed in International Application No. PCT/JP99/01682.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

9.  The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., filed on January 21, 2000 in the USPTO but not recorded.

10.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. Address all future communications to

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11.  An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12.  A Supplemental Remarks is enclosed herewith.

13.  An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14.  This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15.  A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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